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REMARKS

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1. On 30 May 1952, no observations made in Allentsteig (O 49/R 53) and Goepfritz (O 49/R 64) indicated an occupation of the troop training grounds. The cooperative warehouse at the Allentsteig railroad station had been turned over to civilian authorities. No Soviet mail car was coupled to the regular train from Vienna. *

2. On 30 May, a Soviet train headed toward Vienna stood at the Absdorf-Hipnersdorf (O 49/S 01) railroad station. The train consisted of a boxcar with officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, three boxcars with troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 8 x 57-mm AT guns, 1 jeep and 8 trucks. 50X1-HUM

3. On 26 May, 31 trucks and 4 jeeps, stood at the Eugen Kaserne in St. Poelten (O 49/W 83). The two trucks bore the artillery insignia on the sidewalls. Other vehicles identified at the installation included truck 50X1-HUM

jeep with supply boxes, weapons carrier Jeep with a white quadrangle 50X1-HUM

All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. The basement of the former temporary barracks buildings north of the Eugen Kaserne were provided with roofs. Six soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying rifles marched to the komendatura from the direction of the Franz-Josef Kaserne, led by a sergeant. Sedan and jeep stood at the komendatura. One lieutenant colonel (Red) wearing red-bordered black epaulets and four majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen entering the former home for aged people on Franz Binder Strasse. Jeep was parked in the garden there. Trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left Vishofen castle which was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. *** 50X1-HUM

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4. On 29 May, a Soviet train headed toward St. Pölten stood at the Belk (O 49/W 63) railroad station. One major and three other officers, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia were seen at the loading ramp. Light 76-mm field guns, 1 jeep and about 15 trucks

_____ were loaded from the ramp. **

5. On 27 May, officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen entering and leaving the former Jaeger Kaserne in Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55). The ranking officer was a lieutenant colonel. Vehicles observed at the installation included trucks

all driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets. The building of the former Landesregierung was occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. About one third of the soldiers wore motor transport insignia. The ranking officer was a major who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep _____ trucks _____ and _____ sedan _____ were parked in front of the building. These vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Driving practices were made with trucks _____

_____ the student drivers and the teacher, a senior lieutenant, wore red-bordered black epaulets. ***

- * _____ Comment. _____ the train _____ carried components of the 234th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. It may be assumed that the unit was shipped from the Doellersheim troop training grounds to Eisenstadt which is the military post of the regiment. The Doellersheim troop training grounds is probably not entirely unoccupied. It is believed that small units are being rotated there for training.

- ** _____ Comment. The shipment observed in Belk belongs to the 233d Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

- *** _____ Comment. The information from St. Pölten and Eisenstadt indicates no changes regarding the quartering of Soviet troops there.

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